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U.S. District & Bankruptcy
Courts for the District of ColumbiaUNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Thomas Andrew Newcomer *et al.*,

Plaintiff,

v.

Corporate America d/b/a the United States,

Defendant.

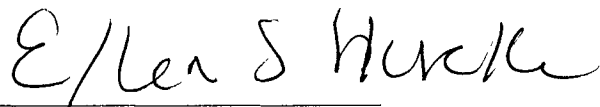
Civil Action No. **12 1029**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of two plaintiffs' *pro se* complaint and applications for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* applications and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Pro se litigants must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires complaints to contain "(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); *see Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S.Ct. 1937, 1950 (2009); *Ciralsky v. CIA*, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

Two residents listing their address as a residence in "District of Columbia, Maryland," Compl. Caption, purport to sue the United States and/or corporate America. The complaint, consisting of various unexplained attachments, provides no notice of a claim and a basis for exercising federal court jurisdiction. A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

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United States District Judge

Date: June 20, 2012